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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A head-protecting airbag normally folded and housed in an upper edge of windows inside a vehicle, and deployable downward from the upper edge of windows upon inflow of inflation gas to cover the vehicle's inner side of the windows, the airbag comprising:

~~a vehicle's inner side wall and a vehicle's~~ an inner side wall and an outer side wall, ~~wherein the walls separating inner and outer side walls separate~~ from each other upon inflation of the airbag; and

a tether, ~~wherein the tether being is~~ joined to the ~~vehicle's~~ inner side wall and the ~~vehicle's~~ outer side wall internally of the airbag such that the tether regulates a clearance between the inner side wall and the outer side wall as the airbag is completely inflated,

a joint portion of the tether to the vehicle's inner side wall being located at lower level than a joint portion of the tether to the vehicle's outer side wall as viewed in a vertical section taken along the vehicle's transverse direction, wherein in an inflatable portion of the airbag above the tether, a length of the inner side wall above the joint portion of the tether is greater than a corresponding length of the outer side wall above the joint portion of the tether.

2. (Original) The head-protecting airbag according to Claim 1, wherein a lower portion of the airbag below the tether is a substantial protection area of an occupant's head.

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3. (Currently amended) The head-protecting airbag according to Claim 1, wherein the tether comprises a through hole between the joint portions to the ~~vehicle's~~ inner side wall and the outer side wall, the hole communicating upper side with lower side of the tether.

4. (Original) The head-protecting airbag according to Claim 3, wherein:

the tether is disposed along the front-rear direction of vehicle; and

the tether includes a plurality of the through holes arranged intermittently along the front-rear direction of vehicle.

5. (Currently amended) The head-protecting airbag according to Claim 1, wherein:

the airbag is formed into bag shape by sewing work; and

the tether is joined to the ~~vehicle's~~ inner side wall and the ~~vehicle's~~ outer side wall by sewing work.

6. (Currently amended) The head-protecting airbag according to Claim 5, wherein:

the airbag comprises a body cloth as a constituent part for constituting the ~~vehicle's~~ inner side wall and the ~~vehicle's~~ outer side wall, the body cloth having a shape in which the ~~vehicle's~~ inner side wall and the outer side wall are connected at lower ends of each other; and

the bag shape of the airbag is formed by folding the body cloth ~~in two~~ on a fold located at ~~a position to be the lower end of the airbag, and~~ airbag and sewing up the overlapped overlapped outer peripheries of the cloth.